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Attorney General John Ashcroft

United States Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I support the Department of Justice's endeavors to settle the Microsoft antitrust case. This case has dragged on for far too long, and a rapid conclusion is in everyone's best interest.

The settlement agreement in its present form is quite reasonable. The federal judge should approve the agreement, and all parties should move forward. No further federal action is needed or justified.

I am particularly impressed with the concessions Microsoft has made in the interest of resolving the case. In essence, Microsoft is making it easier for its competitors to compete. Microsoft's concessions include the agreement to allow computer makers rights to promote software other than Windows; the agreement to not retaliate against software developers who promote software other than Windows; and the

commitment to not enter into contracts with retailers or distributors to exclusively sell Windows technology, to name a few.

I appreciate your ongoing efforts to resolve this case.

Sincerely,

Carole Fowler

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond by snail mail

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